

City of Beaverton

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Minutes – December 1, 2009

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Ernie Conway.

Present:

Chair Ernie Conway, Vice Chair Bjoern Brunner, Dave Brown, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Chapnick, Mike Mulligan, Will Cortez, Officer James Patrick, City Staff Liaison Margaret Middleton, Senior Transportation Planner, City Councilor Betty Bode.

Absent:

Dana Barnes.

Visitors:

Jim Parsons, Lake Boggan, Richard Walker, Jim Westfal, Dave English, Emmalyn Smith, Alison Smith.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of November 2009 were approved as written. Smith/Mulligan (7/0).

Staff Communications

Police: Nothing new to report.

Transportation: Staff liaison Margaret Middleton reported that the Planning Commission will have a work session and public hearing on December 9 on the full draft TSP. There will be a series of public hearings on the draft TSP, and she encouraged participation.

City Council: Councilor Bode said that if the BAC publishes an article in each edition of Your City, that would be great. She updated the committee about the WES train whistle noise issue, and stated that baseball will not be coming to Beaverton. She also informed the committee about the Providence health Systems' potential development in downtown. She encouraged everyone to participate at the upcoming tree lighting festivities. The BAC is scheduled to visit Council on January 4. She said to keep the presentation succinct and that the BAC should grow bicycle awareness in the city. Staff will introduce Ernie and Bjoern and Ernie will briefly update the Council on committee activities.

Visitors: Jim Parsons reiterated the importance of bicycle lights. He said that the transition at the roundabout on the west end of Barrows is confusing and there is a sign to direction cyclists onto the sidewalk. Should the sign be removed?

New Business

Old Business

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Ernie summarized the discussion from the previous meeting and said that the consensus was that everyone would volunteer to help. He referred to the excel spreadsheet staff had emailed as a starting point to either keep or delete the identified tasks. Staff added that there was also a consensus to keep the event simple. Barbara said she did not feel there was consensus. Also, some members might be busy. Staff asked for a show of hands from committee members who could help. Every committee member raised their hand. Staff volunteered to put together a sign up sheet for subcommittees for each facet of the event, e.g., route determination, ride marshal recruiters/trainers, entertainment recruiters, etc. This will be emailed out with the January agenda.

Committee Communications

Member Communications: Mike Mulligan provided the draft article he wrote on cyclist safety and turn movements. He said he needed any final comments so that he could submit it to staff for the next Your City. He offered to continue to write articles and the committee discussed that perhaps an article on contrasting clothing for riding during daylight and after dark would be a good subject.

Barbara reported that the visitors bureau wine map will come out first and the bike map will come out a bit later than originally planned.

THPRD Trails Committee Update: Dave Brown reported that the committee talked about Metro's Intertwine effort, which combines several of their programs into one. He provided an update on the Westside Trail Master Plan that is getting underway, and the Waterhouse Trail to MAX route. He said that THPRD is applying for a grant to replace a wooden bridge over Fanno Creek. He also spoke about neighborhood opposition to the Fanno Trail segment between the old Greenwood Inn and Scholls Ferry Road. He highly encouraged the committee and attendees to testify in support of the trail. He invited the committee to attend the Trails Committee's December 15 meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Council Chamber** of City Hall.